

BITTER JITNEY WAR DEVELOPS IN FIGHT AGAINST V. R. & P.; LEGISLATURE VOTES TO INVESTIGATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION OPENS SESSIONS WITH 500 PRESENT

SETS ASIDE \$2,000 FUND TO CARRY ON COMMITTEE WORK

Four Delegates and Three Senators Must Report Findings by Feb. 20.

HOUSE BILL PROPOSES ENDING DEATH PENALTY

Substitutes Life Imprisonment Without Pardon Until Half Sentence Is Served.

COMMISSION SALARIES SET

Hill Measure Would Have Pilot Board Members Paid \$12,000 Yearly.

Senate Joint resolution No. 1, providing for an investigation of the State Highway Department and the State Highway Commission, amended to provide for an appropriation of \$2,000 to be paid out of the contingent funds of the two branches of the General Assembly, was adopted by a recorded vote of 67 yeas and 25 nays in the House of Delegates yesterday morning, and at the same time the Senate passed a similar resolution.

The resolution calls for a committee of four from the House and three from the Senate to inquire into the merits and demerits of the State Highway Department, the State Highway Commission, and the State Highway Board, and to make a report to the General Assembly not later than February 20, 1922.

Pilot Commissioners Salaries.

Salaries of the members of the Board of Pilot Commissioners are placed at \$150 per month, or \$1,800 per annum, in a bill offered in the House yesterday by Delegate W. C. Hill of Loudoun. The measure provides that the terms of office of the pilot commissioners shall be for three years, the first year ending on January 1, 1922, and the second and third years ending on January 1, 1923, and the board shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the Governor. The measure fixes a flat salary of \$350 per month, or \$4,200 per annum, for the pilot commissioners, and the board shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the Governor. The measure fixes a flat salary of \$350 per month, or \$4,200 per annum, for the pilot commissioners, and the board shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the Governor.

1,025,250 CHILDREN ARE AIDED IN RUSSIA

American Relief Administration Hopes to Increase Number to Two Million.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A report of the American Relief Administration in Russia shows that the organization is at present feeding 1,025,250 children in the stricken districts; this includes 145,787 in the district of Saratov, one of the hardest hit by the famine.

POPE BENEDICT'S CONDITION IS CAUSING SOME CONCERN

Is Forced to Abandon Audience at the Vatican—Fever During Day Reaches 103.8—Attending Physicians Fear Complications.

[By Associated Press.]

ROME, Jan. 18.—Pope Benedict is confined to his bed with an attack of bronchial catarrh and symptoms of influenza, but his condition is not serious. This announcement was made this evening by the Observatore Romano, the official Vatican organ. The condition of Pope Benedict, says the Stefani News Bureau, basing its information on a reliable source, is causing some concern, the fever during the day having reached 39.3 degrees centigrade, or 102.7 Fahrenheit. The bronchial catarrh is very diffuse, and on account of the Pope's age, 67 years, the attending physicians fear complications.

Favor 20-Foot Roads as Minimum for Highways

[By United News.] CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—A resolution favoring the twenty-foot road as the minimum for main American highways, will be presented at the twelfth annual session of the American Road Builders' Association. It was stated here today.

As the majority of the State highway engineers here have expressed themselves in favor of the 20-foot standard, it is expected that the resolution will be adopted. It is pointed out by leading road experts that the sixteen and eighteen foot roads are too costly of maintenance, because they make it impossible for trucks and other heavy vehicles to pass, necessitating frequent repair of the "road shoulders."

BLUNDON VERDICT LIKELY BY TONIGHT

Final Argument in Bank President's Trial Will Be Resumed Today.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS JURY

District Attorney Kear Condemns Accused in Biting Terms as Wife Listens.

A verdict in the case of Colonel H. Gordon Blundon, who is being tried in the United States District Court on an indictment of fifteen counts for alleged embezzlement and misappropriation of funds of the Commonwealth National Bank of Louisville, is expected to be returned by the jury today.

Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., yesterday afternoon issued his instructions to the jury and argument began at 5:05 o'clock. District Attorney Kear and Judge Wilcox, of counsel for the defense, were heard immediately after the court had read his instructions. The argument lasted from 5:05 until 7:55, when court was adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Court convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and adjourned at 10:30 in order that the prosecution and the defense might prepare instructions to be presented to Judge Waddill. The preparation of the instructions and their summary by the judge consumed five hours and ten minutes, court reconvening at 4:40. The judge informed the jury that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

GIRL'S BODY IN CASKET IS FOUND IN WOODS

Alabama Coroner Believes Coffin Was Dug Up by Treasure Hunters.

MOBILE, ALA., Jan. 18.—The county authorities here have a mystery on their hands to unravel by finding today of the body of a five-year-old girl child incased in an iron casket in the woods five miles south of this city.

Coroner S. P. Hale, investigating the case, says that the body was evidently found by persons digging in the woods for treasure and probably abandoned. There are no graveyards in the vicinity where the body was found, and investigation is under way.

TRAVEL FROM ALL SECTIONS OF STATE TO TALK HIGHWAYS

North Carolina Speaker Stresses Need of Keeping Youth on Va. Farms.

COLEMAN TO REVIEW HIS ACTIVITIES TODAY

Has Prominent Place on Program Following Address by Chairman of Commission.

SENATOR GOOLICK PRESIDES

Afternoon Meeting Planned in Memory of General Lee, With Banquet Final Event.

Stressing the need for more improved highways in Virginia in order to make the life of the boys and girls in the country more content, and to keep them from going to other States, Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, N. C., delivered one of the main addresses before the opening session of the twelfth annual convention of the Virginia Good Roads Association in the auditorium of Murphy's Hotel yesterday afternoon; 500 delegates from all over the State were present.

On the subject of "Realizing on a Highway Problem," Colonel Kirkpatrick took the position that nothing was more necessary than the education of the youth of Virginia in order to realize on highway improvement. He said he did not mean the education of a few in the city, but the education of the masses, rich and poor. Statistics, he said, showed that 10 per cent of the population is uneducated, and that 200,000 men who served in the world war could not take a written order, while on the other hand ninety-eight out of every 100 Japanese are educated, and in seventy years Japan has become third in the naval power of the world. "If Virginia as a part of the Union, and the nation as a whole, desire to lead the world in democracy, they will have to have an educated people for an intelligent democracy for leadership," he declared.

Colonel Kirkpatrick emphasized that it is not what Virginia thinks about highways, but what the new settlers think. Men, he declared, going into a new State always ask about the morals, health, schools and what the road facilities are in reference to rapid distribution of products of the farm. If they cannot get these things in Virginia they will spend more money and go elsewhere, he said.

Good Roads Essential.

Good roads, he said, were absolutely essential to retain the boys and girls in farm life. He pointed out that the rural population is now 45 per cent, and urban 55 per cent, and unless Virginia gives to the boys and girls on the farm the same advantages of the boys and girls in the cities, they will move into the cities. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

MURATORE TO QUIT CHICAGO OPERA CO.

Tenor Promises Miss Garden as An Artist, But as a Director.

No, No, No.

[By Associated Press.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Lucien Muratore, French tenor, today announced he was withdrawing from the Chicago Opera Company at the close of the present season.

Muratore is scheduled to open the New York season at the Manhattan Opera House next Monday night, in Samson and Delilah.

"For Miss Garden, as an artist, I have the highest, the greatest admiration," Muratore stated. "I am pleased to sing with her, because she is the greatest artist, but as director of the company, in which I sing, no, no, no."

He added he had three contracts offered him, one from the Metropolitan Opera Company, one for a concert tour and the third, although he refused to state, is presumably from the Chicago company.

LENINE TO REPRESENT SOVIET RUSSIA AT GENOA

Will Insist That He Be Allowed a Guard During His Absence.

[By Associated Press.]

RIGA, Jan. 18.—Premier Lenine will represent Soviet Russia at the coming Genoa economic conference on the condition that the various governments permit the Russian Cheka or secret service, to organize a complete system to guard him safely during his absence from the Soviet capital, according to semi-official views from Moscow, today received here by Latvian authorities.

SAYS V. R. & P. MEN OPERATING JITNEYS MUST BE LICENSED

City Attorney Anderson Gives Opinion at Request of Myers.

BOND ALSO REQUIRED IN SUM OF \$250 EACH

Strikers Have Until Tomorrow to Comply With Ordinance.

FIRMS ARE EXEMPT FROM LEVY

Corporations Transporting Employees Do Not Come Under Law's Provisions.

According to an opinion delivered yesterday by City Attorney George Wayne Anderson, at the request of Director of Public Safety Myers, the street car operators who are running jitneys throughout the city, must secure licenses as other jitneys, and must also furnish bonds in the sum of \$250 each. The license tax is \$25 for each driver. Director Myers sought the opinion at the request of George L. Wilcox, executive secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Council, to whom he last night forwarded a copy of the City Attorney's opinion.

Director Myers stated last night that all who had failed to comply with the ordinances by tomorrow would be dealt with accordingly. "We wish to give all parties concerned a sufficient period in which to comply with the laws," said Director Myers, last night. "They will have until Friday. On that day policemen will report all persons operating jitneys or other vehicles used for carrying passengers. This does not apply, of course, to corporations, or firms who are transporting their employees to and from their places of employment."

More Than 500 Autos.

It is estimated that more than 500 automobiles are being used in a commercial way. There are 337 licensed jitneys now operating. All these have complied with the laws. The letter of Director Myers to the City Attorney and his reply are here appended:

"January 18, 1922.
"Mr. George L. Wilcox, Exec. Secy.,
"Central Trades and Labor Council,
"Richmond, Va.

"Dear Sir:—Following up our conversation of yesterday and replying to your request, in which you wish to be advised as to whether or not motor vehicles operated by those who represent you, in view of the fact that they charged no specific fare and carried placards worded to the effect that the money paid the driver was specifically understood to be a donation to the fund for the maintenance of a sustaining fund for the Street Car Men's Union, he required to pay the City license charged for the conduct of the jitney business. I am today in receipt of a letter from the City Attorney, replying to a communication which I addressed to him yesterday regarding the matter. For your information, I beg to hand you herewith a copy of this letter, from which you will see that it is clearly the opinion of the City Attorney that it will be necessary for the operators of these cars to secure the regular City license and to file with the City Controller the necessary bond required by ordinance.

"I will thank you to advise those interested so that they may comply with the law.

"Very respectfully,
"WM. M. MYERS, RS,
"Director."

Text of the Opinion.

"DEPARTMENT OF LAW, "City Hall.

"Richmond, Va., Jan. 18, 1922.
"William M. Myers, Esq.,
"Director of Public Safety, Richmond, Va.

"Dear Sir:—I have given careful consideration to your letter of the 16th inst., in which you inform me that Mr. George L. Wilcox, secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Council, has inquired of you whether it is necessary for operators of cars, which they propose to run on the streets of Richmond as jitneys, to pay the regular City license for the operation of these cars. I note your (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

1 Killed, 2 Hurt as Wall Falls.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 18.—One negro workman was killed and two other negroes were probably mortally injured when a wall of a three-story building undergoing repairs at St. Charles Avenue and Callopie Street collapsed today, burying them under many tons of brick. Three other persons were slightly hurt.

Ship Cuts Whale in Two, Passengers Imperiled

[By United News.] NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Italian steamship Presidente Wilson is in port here with a victory over a huge whale encountered in mid-ocean. For a time it seemed the ship would be the loser.

Captain Ettore Zaradotti stated that for a few minutes he was much more alarmed for the safety of the ship than he dared let the passengers know. The ship struck the whale amidship and cut it in two. The force of the blow caused the Presidente Wilson to tremble and the engines were reversed, Captain Zaradotti believing he had run onto a submerged wreck. Red streaks of the water notified him, however, that he had struck some monster, and a moment later the two halves of the whale drifted by.

WAR COMMANDER GUEST OF BLUES

General Morton to Be Greeted by Twenty-Ninth Division Veterans.

BORDER LEADER COMING

"Galloping Jim" Parker Also Visitor on Lee's Birthday.

Major-General Charles G. Morton, U. S. A., who trained and commanded the Twenty-ninth Division, which included National Guard units of Virginia, will be the guest of Richmond Light Infantry Blues today, the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, the South's mighty war chief and great military genius of his age. General Morton will arrive from Washington this afternoon accompanied by Brigadier-General James Parker, retired, of Newport, R. I., better known to the Blues as "Galloping Jim." He commanded the Brownsville, Tex., district during the Mexican border service in 1915 and was a cavalry officer of wide renown throughout the army.

Will Visit Battlefields.

Officers and enlisted men who served under the two leaders, will meet their guests at a reception committee at Broad Street station, 3 o'clock. The committee will conduct the visitors on an automobile tour of the city, visiting Confederate battlefields in and about Richmond, Mansions, both guests are staunch admirers of Lee, and have made a minute study of war maps depicting the campaign around this city.

A dinner will be given at 6:30 o'clock in Hotel Richmond in honor of the two generals. General Joe Lane, Sier, Adjutant-General of Virginia, and Brigadier-General Samuel Gardner Waller, present commander of the Virginia National Guard, infantry brigade, will be guests of honor, with Governor Westmoreland Davis. (Continued on Page 11, Col. 5.)

HAYS TO TAKE OVER MOVIE JOB MARCH 4

Film Organization Is to Put Picture Production on New High Plane.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Will H. Hays will become directing head of the national association of motion picture producers and distributors "immediately after March 4," it was announced tonight, at a dinner at which the guests of honor were the guests of a group of motion picture officials. Mr. Hays' formal resignation from President Harding's cabinet will be presented soon, it was said.

Mr. Hays announced that he had signed a contract which makes him executive head of the organization. His salary, reported as tentatively fixed at \$150,000 a year, was not announced.

"The purposes of this association will be to maintain and improve the highest possible standard of motion picture production, and to develop to the highest degree the moral and educational value of the industry," Mr. Hays said.

Allen Ryan Joins New Company.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Resignation of Allan A. Ryan as a director and chairman of the board of the Stutz Motor Car Company of America was announced today. It was learned that he had become a director and chairman of the board of the Frontenac Motor Car Company of America, recently incorporated, with a capital of \$1,000,000. Other officers of the Frontenac Company are Louis Chevrolet, vice-president, and Kenneth R. Howard, secretary and treasurer.

Dry Plan Fight in New Zealand.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 18.—A campaign in New Zealand to lead the prohibition forces to victory in the November elections, is planned by William E. "Duffy" Johnson, according to his announcement made here today.

V. R. & P. REFUSES TO ADOPT MAYOR'S ARBITRATION PLAN

Wheelwright Declares It Holds No Solution of Strike Problem.

HEAD OF THE COMPANY STICKS TO PROPOSITION

Says Any Settlement Must Include Provision for Supplying Needed Revenue.

END OF THE TIE-UP NOT IN SIGHT

Franchise Matter Will Be Considered at Joint Committee Session Tonight.

Mayor George Ainslie made a fruitless effort yesterday to effect a conference with the officials of the Virginia Railway and Power Company. He proposed a method by which he believed the present difficulties might be eliminated from the strike controversy, and submitted a plan by which a settlement might be effected. President Wheelwright, however, adhered strictly to his original proposition, submitted to City Council, that provision must be made for supplying funds for the conduct of the business of the railway company and for the payment of wages as proposed by the conference.

Upon receipt of the reply, Mayor Ainslie stated that he could see no further for him to do. He had exhausted his resources, and unless there were developments today, ending to the strike, City Council men were not inclined to express themselves, having concluded that the company wished "hands off" in the difficulty.

The Streets and Finance Committee of City Council will meet in joint session tonight at 8 o'clock to award the contract for appraisal of the street car company's property, upon the result of which the Council hopes to be able to offer a franchise, allowing an equitable fare upon which the company may expect a reasonable revenue. It was stated by all the applicants for the contract that it would take at least three months in which to complete the report. Then the committee will proceed with its work of framing the franchise.

In discussing the plan proposed by Mayor Ainslie, as the basis for a settlement, the Mayor said:

"Here is a plan to end the pending street railway controversy and bring about immediate resumption of the operation of the cars which I shall submit at once to the company, to its employees and to the City Council. It requires consent on the part of all of those in order to put it into effect. If they agree, the difficulty may be solved. If they don't, then I confess I don't know what will solve it. The plan has six points which seem to meet every objection that has been raised to previous proposals. If the men return to work at once at the new scale and the arbitrators should decide that the new scale is a proper one under present conditions, they take no chance that they have not agreed to take in their own proposal to submit the whole matter to arbitration. If the Council grants a seven-cent fare until April 1st, then, as I understand the calculations of the company, it will have received sufficient funds with which to pay a higher rate than the new schedule should the arbitrators so decide.

"There is no legal way by which a board of arbitration can be authorized to fix fares, but my plan provides that they shall consider that question and make a recommendation to the Council accordingly. That body must then accept or reject the recommendation as its judgment dictates. Neither I, nor the Council itself, can agree in advance what action the Council will take upon a matter subsequently submitted to it, but, in the performance of its duties and responsibilities, that body would have to decide the question."

The main points in the plan of the Mayor to end the street car strike:

"1. Question of company's new wage scale to be submitted to arbitration, each side to abide by the decision."

"2. Employees to return to work (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

GOT MAD AT CENTRAL

Couldn't Get Number, Hides Twelve Miles, Beats Him Up.

[By Associated Press.]

MOULTREE, GA., Jan. 18.—Angered because he could not get a certain number on the telephone, Ed Smith, of Omega, rode twelve miles through the country and beat up the operator at Norman Park, according to an indictment returned by the grand jury here today, against Smith. The operator at Norman Park is James William Smith, who was released on bond pending trial.

Court Proves Parents' Love Abandoned Baby

[By United News.] PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—Accused of having left their 13-month-old baby boy in the street gutter in front of their home after a quarrel, Edward Sanguilli, 21, and his wife, 17, faced Magistrate Perri and repeated that they did not love the child.

The Judge ordered the infant brought in, and held him on the bench before him. He started a peroration on the need for sympathy and patience in married life—and then the baby slipped as if about to fall.

Both parents started forward to catch the child. "That proves your love for the tot," said the magistrate, "rescuing the baby himself."

"Which of these two," he said, pointing to the father and mother, "do you want to go home with?"

"The child didn't understand, but stretched his arms in an inclusive gesture."

"You see," said the court. "He wants you both."

And the family went home together.

NORFOLK PLANS MOTOR BUS LINES

Mayor Roper Forecasts Permanent Change in City Transport.

FORTY CARS OPERATED

Portsmouth Union Asserts It Is Mapping Out Six Months' Battle.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 18.—Unwilling to arbitrate the wage question, on the ground that it does not believe an arbitration board would have the same power to fix revenues for the company, that it would have to fix wages for the men, the Virginia Railway and Power Company, through President Wheelwright, this afternoon turned down City Council's mediation proposal to end the car strike.

With the situation again back where it was Monday morning, city authorities tonight are considering plans to grant franchise to a well-organized motor bus corporation, to operate on streets used by the traction company and parallel streets to all sections of the city. It is suggested that the city may grant additional jitney permits, with fewer restrictions than now prevailing, to serve until such a corporation as would seek a franchise for a period of years, could be organized.

Won't Be Temporary Says Mayor.

"If we turn to jitney service," said Mayor Albert L. Roper, commenting on the company's refusal to arbitrate, "it will not be a temporary measure." City Manager Ashburner, in Richmond today, was handed a copy of the traction company's reply to the city of Norfolk, by President Wheelwright. About forty cars ran in the city today, operated by seventy-six men, but all were taken off the streets again tonight.

Carmen in Norfolk were claiming (Continued on Page 8, Col. 7.)

3 JACKIES SCALDED

Sailors Injured at the U. S. Naval Academy.

[By United News.] ANNAPOLIS, MD., Jan. 18.—Three bluejackets were seriously scalded, two perhaps fatally, by an explosion of a drum in "Steam Cater" 21, at the United States Naval Academy. The three comprised the crew of the cutter.

Those injured were C. H. Allen, fireman, of Mt. Jackson, Va.; G. Hatter, seaman, East Norwalk, Conn.; C. W. Fowler, seaman, Fowler, Va. recovery.

PLAN SPENDING \$110,000 TO IMPROVE COMMONWEALTH CLUB

Ballroom, Gymnasium, Swimming Pool and Fifteen Additional Bedrooms to Be Installed—W. Meade Addison Is Named President for Year.

The Commonwealth Club, at its annual session in the clubrooms last night, approved building improved plans providing installation of a ballroom, gymnasium, swimming pool and fifteen additional bedrooms at a cost of \$110,000.

Immediately after L. R. Page, chairman of the building committee, had outlined the plans, members pledged \$75,000, and indicated the balance rapidly would be forthcoming.

At the business meeting following the "members' session," the board of governors elected W. Meade Addison, president of Planters' National Bank, president for the new year. Mr. Addison succeeds E. A. Reynolds.

Jonathan Bryan was chosen for the vice-presidency in the vacancy created by Mr. Addison's election. L. D. Aylett was elected secretary and R. B. Palmer, treasurer.

Members elected ten members to the board of governors, five of whom will serve a term of two years and five, three years. They are: Jonathan Bryan, James J. Pollard, Peyton Fleming, E. B. Lathrop and Walter Robertson. Each will serve two years. Charles Watkins, John C. White, Saunders Hobson, R. E. Cunningham and Randolph Harrison were elected to a three-year term.

STRIKERS HAVE 300 AUTOS ON STREETS TO 19 TROLLEYS

Union Leaders Meet This Morning to Discuss License Matter.

NO DEMONSTRATIONS OF ANY KIND IN CITY

Pickets Continue to Perform Duties, but Perfect Order Is Maintained.

TOMORROW WILL BRING CRISIS

Men to Lose Jobs if They Fail to Appear at That Time for Duty.

Richmond's street car strike, called by the union workers of the Virginia Railway and Power Company in protest of what they term an unjust cut in their wages, has developed into a transportation war—with the former employees of the company operating 300 automobiles against nineteen electric cars by the company.

New developments yesterday, the third day of the strike, were a ruling of the City Attorney that all persons operating automobiles must pay a license fee of \$25 and furnish bond in the sum of \$250 each, and the refusal of the car company to accept a plan outlined by Mayor Ainslie to bring about a settlement of the controversy.

To discuss the license ruling. Representatives of the carmen were apprised of the ruling of the City Attorney last night, but as yet have made no steps to combat it. They will hold a meeting this morning, at which time the matter will be taken up and discussed. The City Attorney gave the men until tomorrow to secure the licenses and furnish the bond.

With the service over the electric lines practically paralyzed, Richmond depended upon the carmen's jitneys and automobiles operated by private individuals for transportation. It is estimated that nearly 1,000 automobiles, including the 100 operated by the car men, were on the streets of Richmond yesterday carrying passengers.

There have been no attempts at violence on the part of the men. Representatives of the power company stated last night that all was quiet around the terminals. Pickets of the union continued to perform their duties, but no demonstrations of any kind occurred.

The Service of the Virginia Railway and Power Company Here Yesterday Consisted of Eight Cars over the Ninth and Broad Streets route, five cars over the Broad and Broad to Glinter Park, two from Severn to Broad Avenue, the Highland Park line, one over the Westhampton line, and three from Forest Hill Park to Seventh and Broad Streets, over the Westhampton line from Forest Avenue and Robinson Street to Westhampton.

Tomorrow will bring the crisis of the strike here. Officials of the Virginia Railway and Power Company have announced that unless the men return to their platforms on January 20, they will be classed as new men and lose their seniority shield.